

Table 18. Motor vehicle theft, 2005:

[Download spreadsheet version](#)

**Number of victimizations and victimization rates on the basis of thefts
per 1,000 households and of thefts per 1,000 vehicles owned,
by selected household characteristics**

Characteristic	Based on households			Based on vehicles owned		
	Number of households	Number of thefts	Rate per 1,000	Number of vehicles owned	Number of thefts	Rate per 1,000
Race of head of household						
All races	117,110,800	978,120	8.4	221,122,000	1,070,390	4.8
White only	96,483,760	731,160	7.6	189,896,660	803,920	4.2
Black only	14,567,210	184,490	12.7	20,561,390	190,700	9.3
Other race only	5,174,380	51,450	9.9	8,973,490	56,440	6.3
Two or more races	885,450	11,020 *	12.4 *	1,690,460	19,330 *	11.4 *
Age of head of household						
12-19	1,115,140	16,010 *	14.4 *	1,566,670	18,590 *	11.9 *
20-34	26,698,630	333,630	12.5	46,493,900	366,490	7.9
35-49	36,673,480	358,930	9.8	76,863,480	401,060	5.2
50-64	29,315,290	205,100	7.0	62,171,830	217,800	3.5
65 and over	23,308,250	64,440	2.8	34,026,120	66,460	2.0
Form of tenure						
Owned or being bought	80,293,070	488,990	6.1	172,367,690	551,270	3.2
Rented	36,817,730	489,120	13.3	48,754,320	519,120	10.6
Locality of residence						
Urban	33,045,250	420,720	12.7	50,773,500	452,690	8.9
Suburban	56,101,350	429,850	7.7	113,042,700	476,180	4.2
Rural	27,964,200	127,540	4.6	57,305,800	141,520	2.5

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

The number of thefts based on vehicles owned is equal to or higher than the corresponding figure based on households because the former includes all completed or attempted vehicle thefts, regardless of the final classification of the event; personal crimes of contact and burglary occurring in conjunction with motor vehicle thefts take precedence in determining the final classification based on the number of households.

The term "Urban" is used to denote "Central cities."

The term "Suburban" is used to denote "Outside central cities."

The term "Rural" is used to denote "Nonmetropolitan areas."

a/Includes American Indian, Eskimo, Asian pacific Islander if only one of these races is given.

b/Includes all persons of any race, indicating two or more races.